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Public Meeting on San Juan Fire

Acres: 5,000 Reported Date: June 26, 2014 at 12:45 p.m.
Cause: Human, under investigation Location: 18 miles southeast of Show Low, Az.

Containment: 0 percent Fuels: Mixed conifer and Ponderosa pine

Terrain: Variable Resources: 5 helicopters, 7 hotshot crews, 6 hand crews, 24 engines, 3 dozers, 4 water tenders

VERNON, AZ – A public meeting has been scheduled in Vernon at Fire Station 1 at 6:00 p.m. today. Members of the incident management team as well as the Fort Apache Bureau of Indian Affairs and the Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests will be present to discuss the current status of the fire and planned containment efforts.

The San Juan Fire transitioned from a local Type III organization to the Type II Southwest Area Incident Management Team 4 led by Incident Commander Matt Reidy at 8:00 p.m. Friday.

The fire is being managed in a full suppression strategy. Crews are using existing fuel treatment areas and roads as containment lines. Existing fuel treatments including the White Mountain Stewardship Project, have allowed firefighters an opportunity to work directly on the fire's edge in some areas by decreasing fire behavior. Incident Commander Matt Reidy said, "The work completed by the Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests has been vital in holding the north end of the fire."

Mandatory evacuations remain in effect for the subdivisions of Red Cabin Ranch, Whiting Homestead, Carlock Ranch south of Bucklew Springs and Forest Service Road 61 and 2. Pre-evacuation notices have been issued for the area of Greens Peak Hideaway. A reception center has been established by the American Red Cross at the Round Valley Middle School in Eager, Az. Evacuees are asked to call 928-333-3412 to tell of their location.

A closure has been put in place by the Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests. Road blocks are in place at Forest Service Road 271B, County Road 3140 at Carlock Ranch, Forest Road 267 at Forest Road 224, Forest Road 117 and Forest Road 96, and County Road 3140 at County Road 3261.

Additional information regarding the San Juan Fire can be found at www.311.info.net or by calling 311 or 928-333-3412.